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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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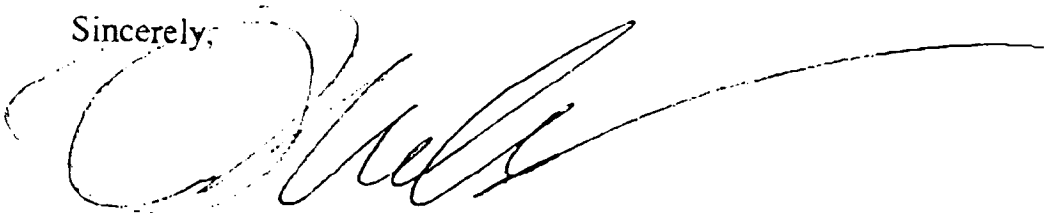
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

As an avid Microsoft supporter, I write to express my support for the Microsoft settlement. I have written previously to express my gratitude that the issue was finally reached in November. I write again to express my support during this period of public comment. I trust that at the end of this sixty-day period, the Justice Department will conclude that this settlement is in the best interests of the economy and the technology industry.

Without doubt, the technology has suffered during this litigation. IT industry supporters also know the lengths to which Microsoft has gone to appease their competitors. Microsoft has agreed to design Windows applications so that computer producers have increased rights when designing computers. The configurers can now install competing programs within Windows. Computer makers will now be able to remove the means by which consumers access various features of the Microsoft programs. Thus, producers can eliminate aspects such as Explorer or Media Player from the system. This is evidence of the generosity of the Microsoft Company.

In all, I hope that this period of public comment ends with the enactment of this settlement into practice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fowler', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.